

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
3 FIRST SESSION  
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 187

5 Introduced by Quandahl, 31

6 PURPOSE: There exist Nebraska health provider networks that are  
7 owned by certain health providers. These networks are not insurers  
8 in that they do not accept final responsibility for payment of  
9 claims. They do maintain a list of eligible providers which can be  
10 accessed by insurers and self-insurers and allow provider discounts  
11 to those responsible for payment. They are a part of the claims  
12 process and determine which providers will be eligible to provide  
13 services through the network.

14 The purpose of this study is to examine to what extent  
15 such networks are regulated and whether the Department of Insurance  
16 should be authorized to regulate such networks to the same extent  
17 as insurers. Specific attention should be given to the practices  
18 of such networks with respect to prompt payment of claims and  
19 determination of which providers may become eligible to provide  
20 service through the networks.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
22 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

23 1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of  
24 the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to  
25 carry out the purposes of this resolution.

26 2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its

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- 1 study make a report of its findings, together with its
- 2 recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.